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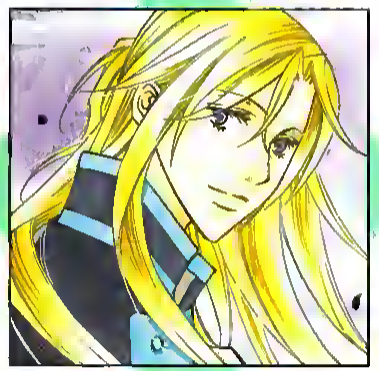

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I have to thank the readers and editors for letting me have this fantastic tale with Noah and Leon. I'm the most shocked of all at my first manga being published, but though it might be sub-par, it'd make me happy if you read it!

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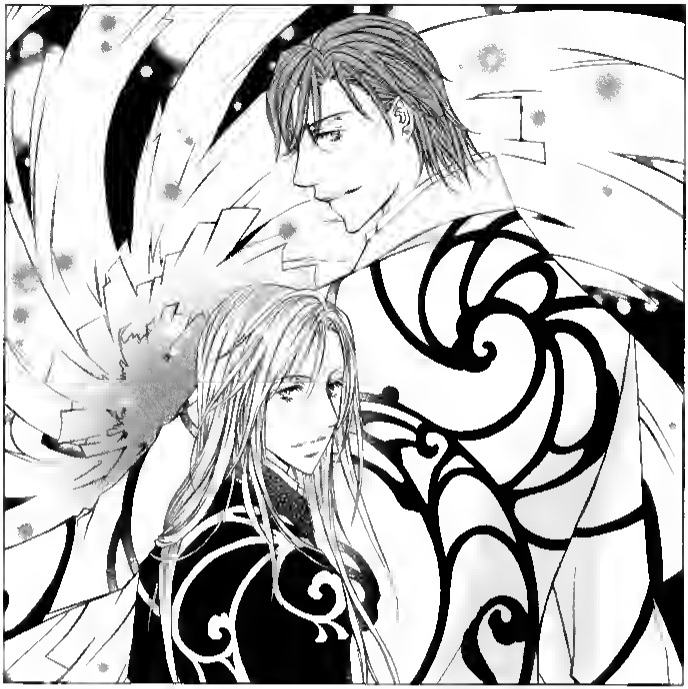

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IT WAS A STRANGE EPIDEMIC THAT PLAGUED THE QUIET TOWN
VICTIMS WERE FOUND WITH TWO SMALL PUNCTURE MARKS ON THE NAPE OF THEIR NECKS
THOSE WHO SURVIVED AN ATTACK LOST THEIR HUMANITY AND WANDERED THE STREETS AT NIGHT SEEKING OUT BLOOD
AS IF THEY HAD BEEN TURNED INTO VAMPIRES
RUMORS SPREADING LIKE WILDFIRE ACROSS TOWN BLAME THE EVENTS ON THE ACT OF A TERRIBLE VAMPIRE.
THE TRUE CULPRIT REMAINS AT LARGE. THE POLICE HAVE NO LEADS AND THE TRAIail HAS RUN COLD.
NO, W. THEY'RE HERE.
WE'RE REALLY DOING THIS?
...I KNOW THAT, BUT...
ONCE WE CATCH THE CRIMINAL WE CAN CLAIM THE REWARD FROM THE POLICE.
PURE BLOOD
WE STILL HAVE THIS MONTH'S ELECTRIC GAS AND WATER BILLS TO PAY.
IN TWO OR THREE DAYS THEY'LL ALL BE SHUT OFF WE NEED THE MONEY AND FAST
URK.
...BESIDES,
IT'S NOT AS IF WE'RE UNAFFECTED BY THE RESULTS OF THIS CASE, TOO.
.....
dash
TIME TO MAKE OUR MOVE.
YEAH OKAY

PURE BLOOD

BUT IN FACT, HE'S A TRUE, BONA FIDE...
THIS IS LEON. HE LOOKS LIKE AN ORDINARY HUMAN,
VAMPIRE.
IF YOU TRACED BACK HIS BLOODLINE, YOU'D FIND THAT HE'S ONE OF THE EARLY ONES, THE ANCIENTS...
AND A RARE PURE BLOOD AT THAT.
WOOSH
IT MAY BE HARD TO BELIEVE GIVEN HIS THRIFTY LIFESTYLE THESE DAYS,
BUT THERE WAS A TIME, LONG AGO, WHEN HE WAS ONE OF THE RICHEST NOBLES IN THE LAND

I WAS BORN WITH THE ABILITY TO SUBDUE HIS CRAVINGS FOR HUMAN BLOOD
AS FOR ME, I ACT AS A RESTRAINT ON LEON'S VAMPIRE INSTINCT.
I AM A DETERRENT
TIMES HAVE CHANGED SINCE THEN. IT'S SAD IN A WAY THAT HE SCRAPES BY ON A DAY-TO-DAY BASIS NOW.
IT'S THE MARK OF THE BOND BETWEEN A PURE BLOOD AND HIS DETERRENT.
LEON AND I EACH BEAR A MATCHING SEAL.
HM?
THOSE TWO WERE HUMANS ONCE.
YOU CAN STILL SEE THE BITE MARKS ON THEIR NECKS.
LOW-LEVEL VAMPIRES HAVE NO SUCH COUNTERPART.
THE EXISTENCE OF A DETERRENT IS UNIQUE TO THE PURE BLOODS.
BECAUSE OF THIS POWER "PURE BLOODS" ARE ABLE TO BLEND IN AND LIVE AMONG HUMANS.
GRRR

SURELY YOU DIDN'T EXPECT TO FIND THE MASTERMIND BEHIND EVERYTHING SO EASILY.
Surely not
HUH, YOU HAVE A GOOD POINT.
Hmmm...?
NEITHER OF THEM ARE TECHNICALLY DEAD, SO THEY CAN STILL BE RETURNED TO THEIR HUMAN SELVES, CAN'T THEY?
THEN WE SHOULD LEND THEM A HAND.
HSSS!
ALL RIGHT, LET'S START WITH YOU.
GRAB
SLASH

!?
SWSH
PAR-DON ME
JOLT
AH...?
WHAT WAS I...?
GASP
WHAT?
PUMP
SSSSSH

Gosh, he's dreamy
Drank away?
TH— THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
IN TIME, THE WOUND ON YOUR NECK WILL HEAL. THERE'S NO NEED FOR CONCERN.
YOU WERE BITTEN BY A VAMPIRE, SO YOU LOST CONTROL OF YOUR SENSES FOR A BIT.
YOU'LL BE FINE NOW. I DRANK AWAY THE BLOOD THAT THE OTHER VAMPIRE LEFT IN YOU.
fwssh
NOAH ?
You startled me
FWOOM
WHOA!
KYAA!
SORRY.
THE OTHER ONE GOT AWAY

Even though I was born as a pure blood's counterpart my powers are unstable.
...I feel bad... I was completely useless...
We returned to the base normally.
Oh? Well,
He probably won't make another appearance tonight.
Crumble
Crumble
Crumble
Nth-time offender
I can't even stop them on my own.
The slightest things cause my powers to spiral out of control...
In the past I half-destroyed someone's house and nearly injured Leon in the process...
Sigh
Don't say that
ruffle
ruffle
ruffle
All right?
Hey
Tilt
Oh, this...
It's not a big deal it'll heal in no time
Just a scratch
You sure?
Hurt that's were in public
Noah,
You were hurt?
Huh?

INFORMATION?
YOU MEAN THAT SEAL...?
rustle
RIGHT,
THE ONE THE GIRL TOLD US ABOUT
flutter
FWUMPH
WELL WE MANAGED TO GATHER SOME INFORMATION ON THE CULPRIT...
SO I SAY TONIGHT WAS A SUCCESS...
IT WAS DARK, SO I DIDN'T GET A GOOD LOOK AT HIS FACE...
BUT HE HAD SOME KIND OF BRUISE ON HIS ARM.
I THINK IT HAD THE SAME DESIGN AS THIS
Though this is starting to fade.
Come to think of it
THE MAN WHO ESCAPED ALSO...
HAD THE SAME SEAL...
Here
Thanks
THE FACT THAT THE SEAL HAD NO COMPLEMENT MEANS WE'RE DEALING WITH A LOW-LEVEL VAMPIRE

SSST
SSST
...THE WOUND FROM EARLIER...?!
A VAMPIRE WHO LIVES BY FEEDING OFF HUMAN BLOOD..
SFX: Crash
NOAH?!
?!
NOT AGAIN...
I'M ALWAYS
SLOWING LEON DOWN...
WHY DO THINGS
NEVER GO THE WAY I PLAN?

SUCH A WEAK, UNDEPENDABLE DETERRENT AS HIS COUNTERPART
HOW HE GOT STUCK WITH
BUT HE HAS TO WONDER CONSTANTLY
LEON WOULD NEVER SAY IT OUT LOUD.
PURE BLOOD
AFTER ALL, LEON IS A STRONG, PROUD
ZZZ
THE SEALS MUST HAVE REACTED AGAINST EACH OTHER WHERE THEY OVERLAPPED
SSSS+
SSSS+
IT JUST ABOUT COVERS THE SEAL THAT... YOU SHARE WITH ME
CREAK
Wait Covers?

THAT WON'T DO AT ALL
SFX: ZZZT!
SFX: fwsh

IT SEEMS LIKE LATELY
whew
YOUR POWERS HAVE BEEN WEIGHING ON YOUR MIND
BUT YOU'RE MY OTHER HALF NO ONE ELSE
ZZZZ
SSSSH
YOU KNOW THAT, RIGHT?
ROLL
haha
mn
brush
GOOD NIGHT
SWEET DREAMS—

SPLISH
SQUISH
IT'S ONLY JUST PAST NOON
LEON PROBABLY WON'T GET UP UNTIL AFTER SUNSET!
He's mostly nocturnal
LEON MUST HAVE GOTTEN RID OF IT FOR ME...
Strange that I don't remember
I'M SO PATHETIC
GLOOM
Depressing
THE WOUND FROM LAST NIGHT
IT'S GONE
Click
LEON?

Aren't I...
SLEEPING ON THE SOFA AGAIN?!
TELL ME, LEON. AM I OF ANY USE TO YOU AT ALL?
THE COMPLEMENT TO MY SEAL
THIS IS—!!

IT'S FROM LAST NIGHT ?
ZZZP
THIS AREA IS WHERE MOST OF THE ATTACKS HAVE TAKEN PLACE

TAP
TAP
THERE!
fwsssh
tok
SO THAT'S WHERE THEY'VE BEEN HIDING

Maybe too much
This place, uh, definitely.. has atmosphere
What have I gotten myself into?
JUMP
creeeak
Pardon the intrusion
BETTER GO IN BEFORE MY IMAGINATION RUNS AWAY WITH ME...
STAGGER
I DON'T CARE HOW POOR WE GET I NEVER WANT TO LIVE IN A PLACE LIKE THIS
EUGH! IT SMELLS LIKE A SEWER IN HERE!!
Blech
LOOM

CLAMP
YOU'RE ONE OF THE GUYS FROM LAST NIGHT!
!!
YOU CAME AT THE RIGHT TIME
I COULDN'T FINISH MY HUNT LAST NIGHT THANKS TO YOU...
glow
BUT MY MASTER WILL BE PLEASED TO HAVE CAPTURED A BEAUTY SUCH AS YOURSELF
I FAILED AGAIN...
slide
TRULY.
THIS ONE IS A RARE BEAUTY
blink

GASP
AWAKE AT LAST?
HAND-CUFFS ?!
What the—
KLANG
YOU'RE THE VAMPIRE THAT'S BEEN CAUSING TROUBLE?
jangle
Eeeeek! This guy's hard-core!
Oh, you're cute
OH, THAT'S A HOBBY OF MINE
I DISLIKE IT WHEN MY PREY STRUGGLES AS I'M FEEDING.
GRAB
I'VE BEEN TURNING HUMANS INTO MY KIND SO THEY COULD COLLECT MORE BLOOD FOR ME,
BUT LAST NIGHT IT SEEMS ONE OF THEM WAS TURNED BACK INTO A HUMAN?
WHAT EXACTLY ARE YOU?

A SEAL? YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE A VAMPIRE.
ARE YOU... A DETERRENT?
WHAT OF IT?
You're pulling my hair.
SLIP
FASCINATING, SO PURE BLOODS DO STILL EXIST.
I'VE NEVER SEEN A REAL LIVE DETERRENT BEFORE.
ARE DETERRENTS NOT SUPPOSED TO BE VERY STRONG?
Ah ha ha ha
Snicker
YOU LOOK SO GIRLISH AND CUTE AND ABOUT AS THREATENING AS A LAMB.
Girlish
Cute
Girlish
Cute
STAB
STAB
STAB
Damn you for playing on my insecurities.
WITH A COUNTERPART THIS WEAK, THE PURE BLOOD SHOULD BE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.
twitch
SNAP
HUH?
Snap

SFX: WWOOOOOM

haa
SFX, crackle, whip
fwoosh

SAY WHAT YOU WANT ABOUT ME.
BUT...
TO USE ME AS A REASON TO DISPARAGE LEON?
UNFOR-GIVABLE.
TO USE ME...
IT'S NOT JUST THE ENEMY THAT MY ANGER IS DIRECTED AT.
ABOVE ALL,
I CANNOT FORGIVE MY OWN WEAK SELF.
WH—
WHERE IS ALL THIS POWER COMING FROM?
!!
SFX. WHAM
SFX. WOOOM

crumble
crumble
fshhh
JOLT
STOP
!?
CRADLE
SLICE
CALM DOWN
FWAD
LISTEN ONLY TO MY VOICE,
NOAH
relax
WHIP

PAT
SINCE YOU LEFT WITHOUT A WORD
IT WASN'T EASY TO FIND YOU.
LEO...
...N?
AH... I DID IT AGAIN
I SCRATCHED YOUR CHEEK
OH...
THIS THING? IT'S PRACTICALLY HEALED
fade
WHO DO YOU THINK I AM?
YOU'RE THE
PURE BLOOD?
CLATTER
wheeze
You're saying that again!

SOME DETERRENT.
grimace
NOT ONLY IS HE UNABLE TO CONTROL HIS OWN POWER,
HE EVEN GOES SO FAR AS TO WOUND HIS OWN PARTNER
HA!
WHO'D WANT TO KEEP AROUND SOMEONE AS USELESS AS THAT?!
YOU'RE BETTER OFF LIVING BY YOUR TRUE INSTINCTS!
ha ha ha ha
Leon?
WHAT'S SO FUNNY?!
HA!
OF COURSE
WHAT WOULD YOU KNOW?
A LOW-LEVEL VAMPIRE SUCH AS YOURSELF WITH NO COUNTERPART

HE'S RIGHT. I'LL BE FINE.
I HAVE LEON BY MY SIDE.
...I'LL SHOW HIM I CAN CONTROL THIS!
bite
IT'S ALL RIGHT
I WILL BE HERE
AS MANY TIMES AS YOUR POWER SPINS OUT OF CONTROL
TO STOP IT
HOW DARE YOU!
WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT "PURE BLOODS" ANYWAY!
I'M THE STRONGER ONE BY FAR!
JUMP
NOAH, IT'S OUR TURN.
BUT...
blow
SFX: whirl

UWAAAA!
S.A. WHAM
SFX: FWOOOOM
PURE BLOODS HAVE LONGER LIVES THAN HUMANS AND THOSE LIKE YOU.
MUCH LONGER.
LIVING BY INSTINCT, MAKING ENEMIES OF HUMANS, WITHDRAWING INTO ISOLATION FOR THOSE LONG YEARS....
LEADS TO NOTHING BUT PAIN.
tap
BUT I HAVE NOAH.... MY OTHER HALF.
FWAP
AND SO I HAVE FREEDOM.
NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS IN THE FUTURE.
FWAP

I'LL NEVER LET HIM GO.
AND I'LL NEVER LEAVE HIM.
IT WOULD BE IMPOS-SIBLE
UGH
AHH!
SLUMP
THUNK
I'VE DRAINED AWAY YOUR VAMPIRE ABILITIES.
USE YOUR LIFE TO ATONE FOR YOUR SINS.

THIS STRONG SOUL BEFORE ME.
HE BLEW AWAY MY WORRIES, MY FEARS
WITH NOTHING BUT A FEW SIMPLE WORDS,
LIFT
NOAH!
LET'S TAKE HIM TO THE POLICE,
PICK UP OUR REWARD MONEY, AND GO HOME.
Oh, and turn that other guy back into a human!
I WANT TO BE STRONGER
IN BODY,
AND IN SPIRIT.
SINCE,
NO MATTER WHAT AWAITS US IN THE FUTURE,

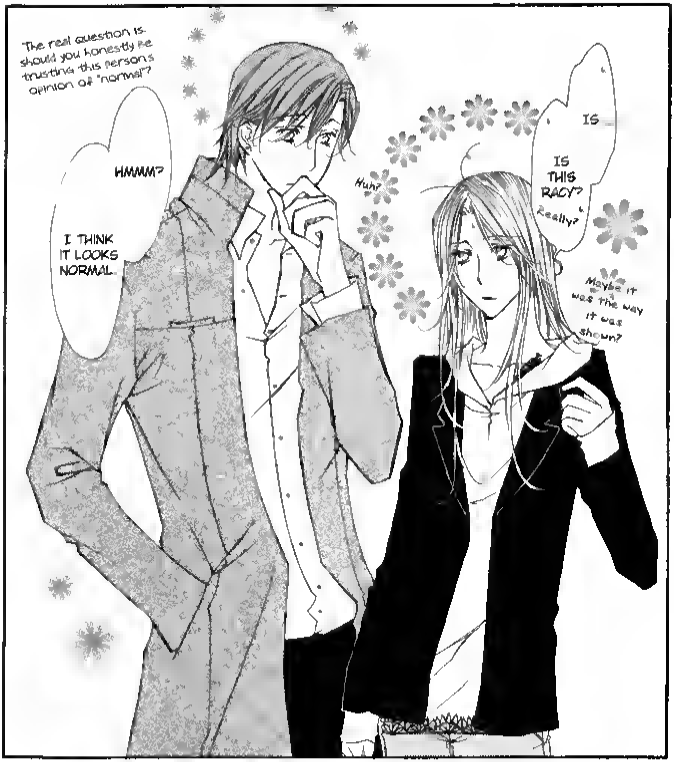
I'LL NEVER LET HIM GO,

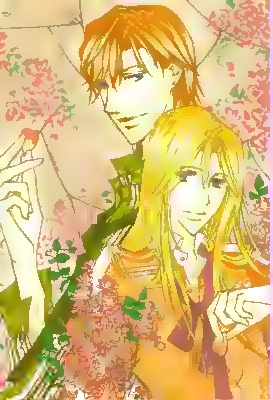
AND I'LL NEVER LEAVE HIM.

IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE

SHOOT!
THE CREDIT CARD COMPANY IS GOING TO WANT MONEY TOO!!
I forget about them.
The reward money may not be enough
What?
CREDIT CARD?!
WHAT DID YOU BUY?!
Without consulting me?!

In the first chapter, we catch a glimpse of the seal on Noah's left collarbone when the collar of this shirt is open. My friends looked at it and said "Wow racy" when I asked for their opinion. The publishing company only commented with a mild "Hmm, it's a little provocative". I really didn't think it was that racy...


The real question is should you honestly be trusting this person's opinion of "normal"?
HMMM?
I THINK IT LOOKS NORMAL.
Huh?
IS
IS THIS RACY?
Really?
Maybe it was the way it was shown?



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THEY BROKE AWAY FROM A WORLD OF DEMONS AND DARKNESS.
AND CHOSE TO LIVE ALONGSIDE HUMANS INSTEAD.
THIS IS THE STORY OF THE VAMPIRE LEON!
AND HIS DETERRENT NOAH.

WE'LL HAVE TROUBLE DETAINING HIM IF HE MAKES IT TO THE NEXT CITY
tap
WE NEED TO STOP HIM HERE
UNDER-STOOD
I'LL CUT HIM OFF
CLASH

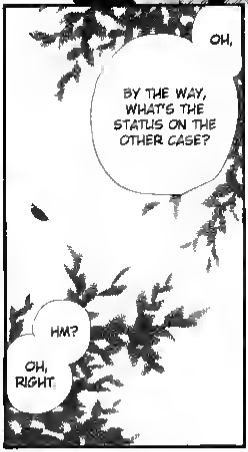
WHEN SOMEONE NEEDS SOMETHING DONE, THEY DO IT
THEY'VE SET UP AS HANDY-MEN OF A KIND
EVER SINCE SOLVING THE VAMPIRE INCIDENT DAYS AGO,
THE PAIR HAS BEEN REFER-ENCED FOR THE TOWN'S MOST PUZZLING CASES.
CURRENTLY, THEY'RE WORKING ON TWO CASES
RUMORS HAVE BEEN CIRCLING ABOUT A STRANGER WHO APPEARS AROUND SUNSET—
OUT OF NO-WHERE.
EVERY TIME HE'S BEEN SIGHTED IN TOWN, TOWNSPEOPLE SUDDENLY VANISH
IS THIS STRANGER SPIRITING THEM AWAY—?
OR IS HE—

stuck
thok
thok
thok
tap
FINALLY
YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE.
huff
WHAT WAS THAT?
HM?
NO...
YOU'RE NOT ONE OF THEM.

SSS
FLOP
SSSSTT
slide

...WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
I THOUGHT PUPPETS COULDN'T MOVE ON THEIR OWN...
WITHOUT SOMEONE CONTROLLING THEM...
YOU'RE RIGHT...
SOMEONE ELSE MAY HAVE BEEN BEHIND ALL THIS
...
A PUPPET...

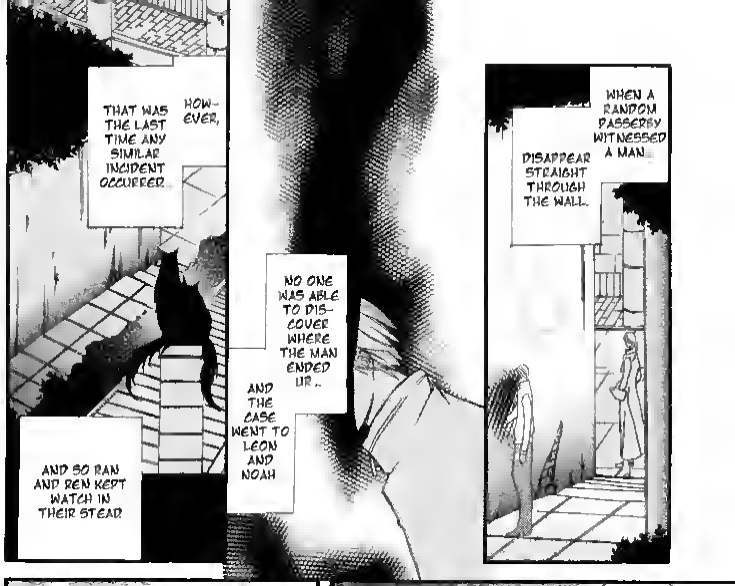
I ASKED THE TWINS TO STAND WATCH
Hm
WE SHOULD SEE HOW IT'S GOING...


OH,
BY THE WAY, WHAT'S THE STATUS ON THE OTHER CASE?
HM?
OH, RIGHT.

AH, SPEAK OF THE DEVIL.
FWOOM
FWOOM
FWOOM
WEL-COME BACK, RAN AND REN CAAZA.

THERE THEY GO AGAIN.
WUMPH
OOMF!
Can't breathe
sparkle
WE'RE BACK
NOAH —!
HEY, NOT SO ROUGH, BRATS
ARE YOU TRYING TO CHOKE NOAH TO DEATH?
PULL
NUH UH
Gasp

DUH. THAT'S COS WE LOVE NOAH BETTER~
...Any- way, Do you have anything to report?
OH, LEON'S HERE, TOO.
...I'M HERE "TOO"? I SEE I DON'T GET THE SAME WARM WELCOME AS NOAH.
I've been here the whole time.
IT'S BEEN DEAD QUIET.
NO, NOTHING SO FAR.
...
THE OTHER CASE THEY'VE TAKEN ON...
IT ORIGINALLY SEEMED LIKE A TYPICAL MISSING PERSONS CASE
BUT THE ONLY LEADS...
WERE A TRAIL OF FOOT-STEPS THAT LED...
RIGHT INTO A WALL.
AND A SIGHTING A FEW NIGHTS LATER


HOW-EVER,
THAT WAS THE LAST TIME ANY SIMILAR INCIDENT OCCURRED.
AND SO REN AND REN KEPT WATCH IN THEIR STEAD.
NO ONE WAS ABLE TO DIS-COVER WHERE THE MAN ENDED UP...
AND THE CASE WENT TO LEON AND NOAH
WHEN A RANDOM PASSERBY WITNESSED A MAN...
DISAPPEAR STRAIGHT THROUGH THE WALL.

I'D LIKE YOU TO KEEP WATCH A LITTLE LONGER.
WHAAAAT?
SLAVE-DRIVER!!
booo
booo

YOU'VE ALREADY WRAPPED UP THE OTHER CASE?
NOT... EXACTLY BUT I'M STARTING TO THINK...
IT'S POSSIBLE THAT THESE TWO CASES ARE CON-NECTED SOMEHOW
ESPECIALLY SINCE BOTH INVOLVE PEOPLE DISAPPEAR-ING

I'M ONLY ASKING YOU TO DO YOUR JOB
KEEP COMPLAINING AND YOU WON'T GET ANY OF MY BLOOD.
Meanie!
...!!
MONSTER! FIEND!!
VAMPIRE THANK YOU VERY MUCH
FAMILIARS ARE ALL GIVEN AN OBJECT THAT BELONGS TO THEIR MASTER...
AS PROOF OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN FAMILIAR AND MASTER
RAN AND REN EACH WEAR ONE OF LEON'S EARRINGS.
RAN AND REN...
THEY DERIVE THEIR POWERS FROM RECEIVING LEON'S BLOOD
THEY'RE HIS FAMILIARS.
DO YOU WANT US TO COME ALONG?
BUT WE'LL GO BACK AND TAKE ONE MORE LOOK.
WE SET A SPELL TO DETECT ANY NEW ACTIVITY IN THE AREA.
NAH, WE'LL MEET YOU BACK HOME

IF ANYTHING HAPPENS, CALL US.
OKAY, BUT BE CAREFUL.
YES SIRS!
SHHH
FWOOSH

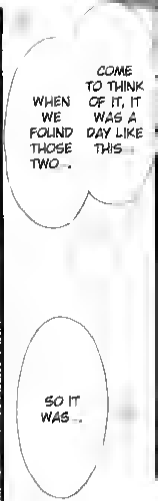
I'M GETTING TOO OLD TO BE CHASING THINGS AROUND ALL DAY...
HOME?
YEAH, LET'S GO.
Quick little devils
ZZZP

THEY'RE STILL SO YOUNG AND RECK-LESS.
THEY LOOK GROWN UP, BUT INSIDE THEY'RE STILL...
sigh
THE SAME LITTLE KIDS WE TOOK IN SO LONG AGO.
chuckle chuckle

chuckle

WORRIED ABOUT RAN AND REN?

IT WAS A COLD, SNOWY DAY...


WHEN WE FOUND THOSE TWO...
COME TO THINK OF IT, IT WAS A DAY LIKE THIS...
SO IT WAS...

NOW NOW, DAD. DON'T BE SUCH A WOR-RYWART.
After you said all these things...
NOAH...
Who are you calling "Dad"?

Screeee

WE'RE GOING AFTER THEM!
REN, LOOK OVER THERE
HE'S FINALLY SHOWN HIMSELF
WE BETTER TELL LEON--
WE DON'T HAVE TIME WE'LL LOSE HIM
LET'S GO

ZZZP
TAP
FWSH
LUNGE

TCH.

RAN!!
"RAN"...
"REN"...?
!!
SCITTER
HE KNOWS OUR NAMES?!
FOUND YOU.
I FINALLY ...
FOUND YOU.
GLOW
Kei
Arin

fwsh
!!
wuoosh
slump
bam
chump

THIS IS WHERE I STOPPED FEELING THEIR PRESENCE

SOMEONE'S CAST A STRONG PROTECTION SEAL ON THIS WALL...
IT WON'T BUDGE.
WHAT A PAIN...
OH WELL, IT'S A LITTLE MESSY, BUT...
IT'LL TAKE TOO LONG TO DISSOLVE THE SEAL
WHAT?
SURELY YOU'RE NOT GOING TO—

OH, I AM.
WHAT
crumble
crumble
CRACK

THERE ARE TWO OR THREE LAYERS OF PROTECTION ON THIS WALL
twitch
hum
THEY REALLY DON'T MAKE THIS EASY
What's done is done
WELL, LET'S GO IN!
NOAH?
...YOU REALLY BROKE IT.
With just a fist
IT'S BENEATH ME TO WASTE MY POWERS
PICKING AT SOME WORTHLESS SEAL
sigh
BAM!
Hmmmph
They really struck a nerve
Oh dear, Noah's mad
Bad idea...
First they kidnap our precious little ones and then they needlessly complicate our rescue...
SWSH
I'll crush them.
WH-?

B-
BRILLIANT
CLAP
CLAP
Brute force wins in the end.
Let's go!
You're the boss
STOMP
STOMP
APPEARANCES CAN BE SO DECEIVING...
Ehhh...

THEY'RE PROBABLY IN THERE.
IT'S LIKE A MAZE IN HERE. And dark.
Wooo
TH
UD

fall
WHAT THE—?!
WOOSH
catch
SORRY,
THANKS
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

FWSSHHH
!!
THAT'S THE PUPPET FROM BEFORE...?!
AS I SUSPECTED.
THE TWO CASES ARE CONNECTED..
RUSH
HOLD, EQUIS.
THAT'S ENOUGH
STOP

slide
RAN!
REN!
...ARE YOU TWO...
THESE CHILDREN'S NEW MASTERS?

IS IT BECAUSE ...
YOU DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME LEFT...?
Chose brute strength over magic.
YOUNG VAMPIRE, YOUR POWER RUNS STRONG
YOU BROKE THROUGH ALL OF MY WARDS.
RAN AND REN.
THEY WERE ORIGINALLY MY FAMILIARS
...IF YOU LET THEM GO ONCE,
WHY DID YOU WANT THEM BACK?

IT IS AS YOU SAY.
I DO NOT....
HAVE LONG TO LIVE.
NNH...
NGH!
I'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR YOU BOTH A LONG TIME
BUT I COULD NO LONGER SENSE YOU AFTER YOU SHARED BLOOD WITH A NEW MASTER.
AND IN YOUR TRANSFORMED STATE, I COULDN'T TELL YOU APART FROM ANYONE ELSE
JUMP
HELENA?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE ?

SEARCHING FOR US...? WHAT FOR?
YOU ABANDONED US AS SOON AS
YOU LOST USE FOR US.
RAN, REN,
I DON'T THINK THAT'S TRUE.
AS HER TIME OF DEATH APPROACHES,
HER POWER HAS BEGUN TO WEAKEN ...

...TIME OF DEATH?
AS A SORCERESS, I HAVE LIVED A LONG, LONG TIME...
I HAD NO MORE ATTACH-MENTS TO THIS LIFE
WHEN I LET THE TWO OF YOU GO,
IT WAS BECAUSE I NO LONGER HAD THE STRENGTH TO SUPPORT TWO FAMIL-IARS.
IT TAKES EVERYTHING I HAVE TO SIMPLY ANIMATE THIS CHILD HERE.
IT CAN'T BE...
EXCEPT FOR ONE THING.
I COULDN'T BEAR NOT KNOWING WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO YOU TWO...

HELP US
PLEASE HELP US
AND THEN LEON AND NOAH TOOK US IN
BUT WE SURVIVED BECAUSE WE HAD EACH OTHER.
IF EITHER OF US HAD BEEN ALL ALONE WHEN WE WERE ABANDONED,
WE WOULD PROBABLY BE DEAD BY NOW.
Side
THEY'VE LOST THEIR STRENGTH
WHO IS IT?
IT'S SO WARM
IF YOU TWO ARE WILLING, I WILL SHARE WITH YOU, MY POWER AND MY BLOOD.
WILL YOU END YOUR LIVES HERE?
OR WILL YOU COME WITH US?
THE DECISION IS YOURS.
LEON
I KNOW

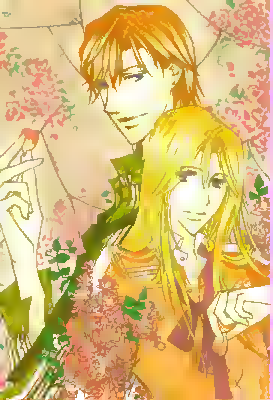
HELP US
WE DON'T WANT TO DIE!
AS YOU WISH
WE DON'T WANT TO DIE.
LET'S GO HOME
FROM THIS DAY FORWARD, WE'RE FAMILY.
hmm?
I'M GLAD.
AND WE'RE HAPPY NOW.
LEON AND NOAH TOOK US IN

I APOLOGIZE FOR GETTING YOU TWO CAUGHT UP IN OUR BUSINESS
I WILL RETURN ALL THE PEOPLE WHOM WE CAPTURED IN ERROR.
SUSA
REN
RAN,
YEAH
HELENA
I'M SO HAPPY THAT MY LAST SIGHT OF YOU IS BOTH OF YOU HEALTHY AND WHOLE
I HOPE FROM THIS DAY FORTH YOU BOTH WILL BE HAPPY
RUSTLE

NOAH, LEON,
I PRAY THAT YOU TAKE CARE OF RAN AND REN.
WE'LL ALWAYS TREASURE THEM.
YOU CAN ENTRUST THEM TO OUR CARE.
THANK YOU
SHALL WE GO HOME?
FWSSH
WHAP

HM?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT US
YEAH
HELENA,
OH?
huggle
BECAUSE WITH THESE TWO,
There
There
AND SO HAPPY
MOM?
WE'RE SO GLAD THAT MOM AND DAD...
GET ALONG
DAD?
Dad..?
WE'RE SO WARM
I'm the mom?

＊第4回の表紙にしようか
どうしようか迷って結局ボツに
なったカットでる。
なんだかレオニカ様のよう
ですね…。
そして背景の3倍描きづらい
こと哦！。
撃沈です。



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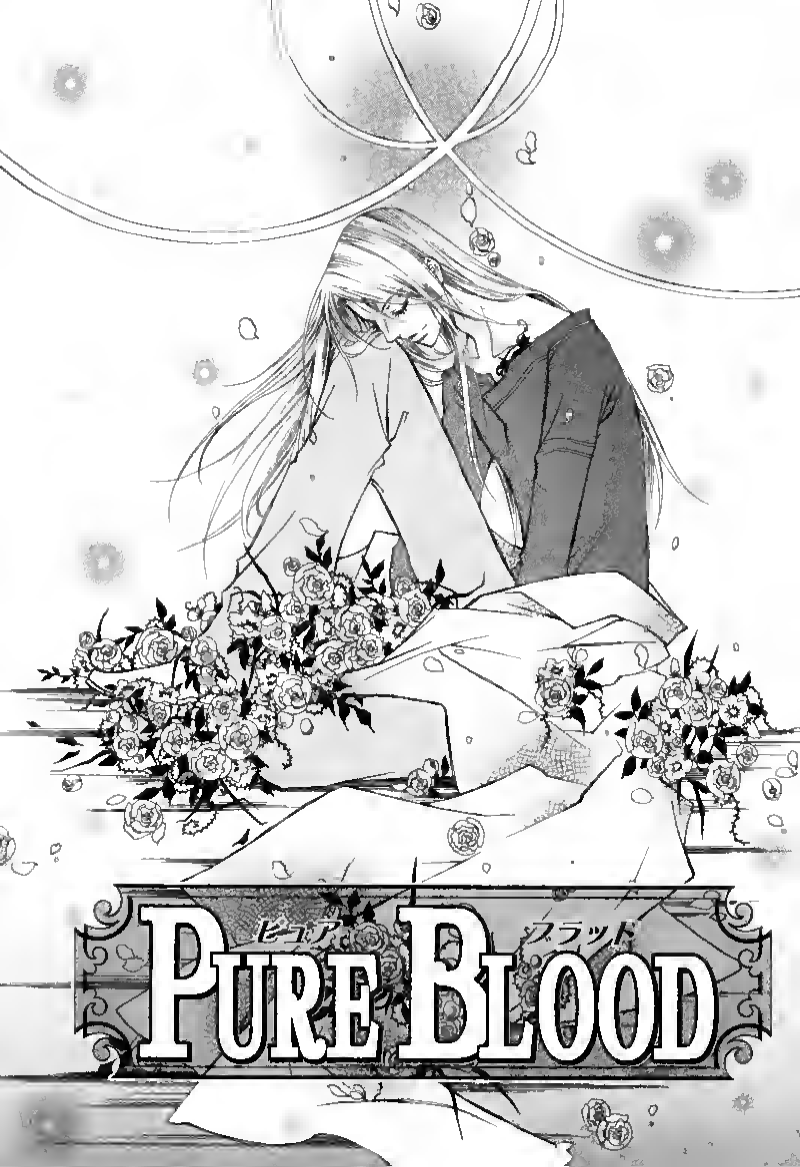
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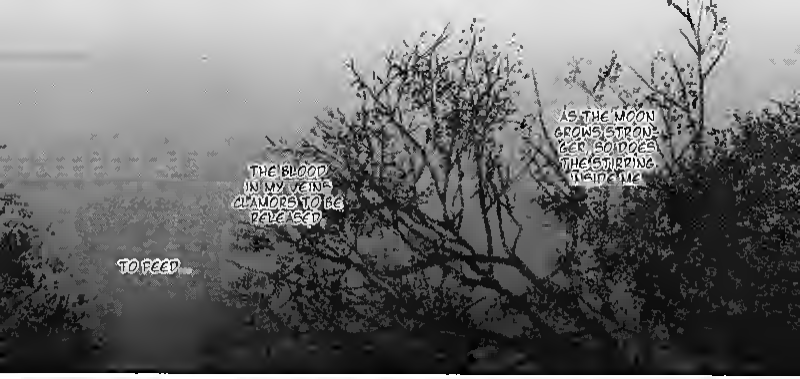
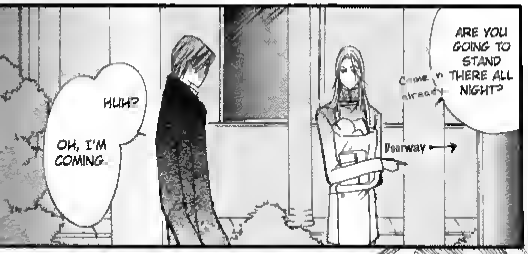
THAT STARTED IT ALL.
IT WAS THAT MYSTERIOUS BLACK ENVELOPE...
THE LETTER ARRIVED ON A MOONLIT NIGHT JUST DAYS BEFORE THE FULL MOON.
THE FULL MOON —
DRAWS CLOSER EVERY NIGHT.


AS THE MOON GROWS STRONGER, SO DOES THE STIRRING INSIDE ME.
THE BLOOD IN MY VEINS CLAMORS TO BE RELEASED.
TO FEED...


ARE YOU GOING TO STAND THERE ALL NIGHT?
Come already!
Doorway
HUH?
OH, I'M COMING.

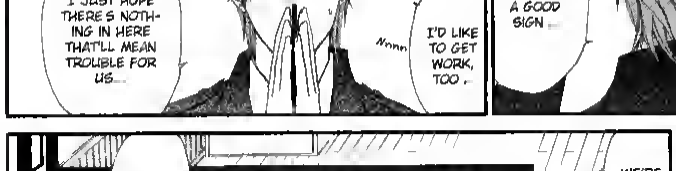
LEON?
Startle

BY THE WAY, A LETTER CAME.
HERE.

WE HAVEN'T HAD A CASE IN A WHILE AND MONEY'S GETTING TIGHT
IF WE DON'T MAKE RENT THIS MONTH, WE'LL BE TWO MONTHS BEHIND...
Sigh
I HOPE IT'S A COMMISSION FOR US.

OMINOUS
THAT CAN'T BE A GOOD SIGN...

I JUST HOPE THERE'S NOTHING IN HERE THAT'LL MEAN TROUBLE FOR US...
Nnnn
I'D LIKE TO GET WORK, TOO.


WELCOME BACK!
WE'RE HOME.

Lean
HUH?
NOAH, IT'S A COMMISSION
Wait,
REALLY?! WHAT DOES IT SAY?

Pop
Can't put it off forever
PERSONALLY, I'D RATHER FIND A CHECK INSIDE

Let's see.
MESSIEURS, I'VE HEARD SIMPLY WONDERFUL THINGS...
ABOUT THE TWO OF YOU LATELY, SO I'M WRITING TO ENLIST YOUR SERVICES.
WE MAY DISCUSS THE DETAILS MORE IN DEPTH SHOULD YOU AGREE TO ACCEPT MY CASE
AS A GESTURE OF GOOD-WILL,
I HAVE ENCLOSED A SMALL ADVANCE PAYMENT
flip
!!
Hey, there really is a check inside
—IT SAID A SMALL ADVANCE PAYMENT, RIGHT...?
THIS EASILY COVERS AT LEAST TWO MONTHS OF RENT...
THERE'S MORE...
PLEASE STATE YOUR RESPONSE OUT LOUD.
AND I SHALL SEND SOME-ONE TO RETRIEVE YOU. REGARDS, PAMELA G. ARKOUF
rustle
HUH?
?
.....
Out loud?

WE ACCEPT!
No question!
YES!
What?
That fast?
Flap
WHAT—
Flip
Flip
WHAT'S GOING ON??
POOF
WHAT'S THERE TO THINK ABOUT?!
YOU SAW HOW MUCH THE PRE-PAYMENT WAS! I'M NOT LETTING A SWEET DEAL LIKE THIS SLIP THROUGH OUR FINGERS!
DON'T YOU WANT TO THINK ABOUT THIS FOR A SECOND?
Sure, there's that but—

...WHO ARE YOU?
SSST
I SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF MS. PAMELA ARKOUF
WE HAVE RECEIVED YOUR RESPONSE, AND I HAVE COME TO GREET YOU.
ALLOW ME TO TAKE YOU TO MY MISTRESS
"AISE
WHAT?!
HOLD ON, LET'S NOT GET AHEAD OF OUR-SELVES—
SNAP
WHOA!

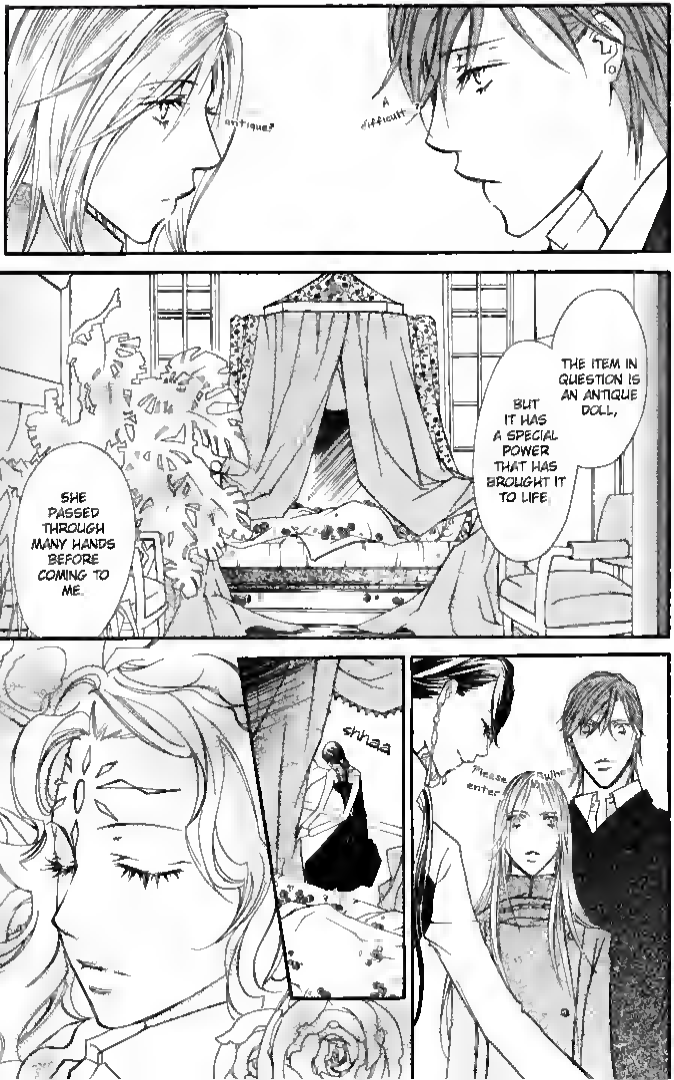
OH WELL!
THEY'LL BE FINE!!
...probably
...
SHOULD WE TRY TO FOLLOW?
IS... IS THAT EVEN POS-SIBLE?
I can't do that
POOF
MES-SIEURS, WE'VE ARRIVED.
PLEASE RISE.
HUH?

jump
WHERE ARE WE?
uh?
uh?
MARVEL-OUS, YOU CAME!

I PRESUME YOU'RE NOT...
JUDGING FROM OUR UNUSUAL ENTRANCE
WELCOME, DARLINGS
MY NAME IS PAMELA. I WROTE THE LETTER
HUMAN? NO.
I'M A SORCERESS
I BELIEVE YOU'VE BOTH MADE HELENA'S ACQUAINTANCE?
SHE AND I ARE OLD FRIENDS
JUST LIKE...
A SORCERESS?!

SHE'D BEEN DISTRAUGHT OVER THOSE TWO FAMILIARS OF HERS FOR A LONG TIME.
BUT WHEN I SAW HER LAST,
SHE FINALLY SEEMED TO HAVE FOUND PEACE
AS A MATTER OF FACT,
I LEARNED ABOUT THE TWO OF YOU THROUGH HER.
he he
WE PROMISED HER.
THAT WE WOULD CARE FOR THEM...
WITH THE SAME LOVE AND AFFEC-TION...
THAT SHE HAD.
SHE MUST HAVE FELT, AS I DO,
THAT YOU TWO MAY BE TRUSTED.

IT'S STRANGE.
THE TWO OF YOU HAVE THE MOST UNUSUAL AURA.
IF I HAD TO DESCRIBE YOUR POWERS AS INHERENTLY DARK OR LIGHT, I WOULD SAY "DARK".
BUT THE POWER FILLING THIS ROOM
IS A DAZZLING, PURE "LIGHT."
IT MUST BE AS THEY SAY... THE NATURE OF POWER DEPENDS ON THE WIELDER.
I DEAL WITH A GREAT VARIETY OF ANTIQUES AS PART OF MY JOB,
BUT I ACQUIRED A DIFFICULT ONE THE OTHER DAY...
THAT HAS PROVEN BEYOND MY ABILITIES
Here we are.
Creeak
THE REASON I'VE ASKED YOU HERE IS BEYOND THESE DOORS...
This way
IT'S BEEN A LOVELY CHAT. BUT ON TO BUSINESS, SHALL WE?
clap
WELL NOW


antique?
A difficult
THE ITEM IN QUESTION IS AN ANTIQUE DOLL,
BUT IT HAS A SPECIAL POWER THAT HAS BROUGHT IT TO LIFE.
SHE PASSED THROUGH MANY HANDS BEFORE COMING TO ME.
shhaa
Please enter

SHE ISN'T DEAD, SHE'S A DOLL, AFTER ALL
SHE'S ASLEEP.
FURTHERMORE, SHE SEEMS TO HAVE THE ABILITY TO SUMMON "SOMETHING", BUT WHAT REMAINS UNKNOWN UNTIL SHE CAN BE AWAKENED...
A CORPSE...?
It looks like a doll and more like...
Looks human
...PARDON?
Kiss?
What?
Huh?
SO, WHICH ONE OF YOU SHALL IT BE?
FOR THE KISS.
WHICH BRINGS ME TO MY REQUEST! I'D LIKE FOR YOU TO WAKE HER.
Fairy Tale
SO THAT'S IT.
As such, I'm the wrong gender for the task.
OH MY.
DOESN'T EVERYONE KNOW THE ONLY WAY TO WAKE A SLEEPING PRINCESS...
IS WITH A PRINCE'S KISS?

DOES THIS KIND OF THING REALLY WORK...?
I REALLY DON'T THINK THIS IS GOING TO HELP
NOW, WHICH ONE OF YOU SHALL BE HER PRINCE CHARMING?
HE'LL DO IT!
Push
ME...?!
How come?
NOAH ...
WHO WAS IT AGAIN WHO LEAPED TO TAKE THIS JOB?
THINK CAREFULLY.
Yikes, he looks mad
IT... IT WAS ME...
C'mon, self. Don't lose your nerve.
If it helps, the kiss can be on the forehead and not the lips
GREAT!
HOP TO IT
Observing from a distance

SORRY ABOUT THIS...
glow

blink
OH,
YOU'RE AWAKE!
staaaare
?
reach
WHA—?!
YANK
OH MY,
I THINK SHE LIKES HIM.
Well done.
N-no, I-I'm not!
kyaa!
Smush
H... HELP...?
Please hurry
mmm gf

cling
BESIDES, PAMELA-SAN SAID
WELL, SHE WOULDN'T LET GO
SO
YOU BROUGHT HER BACK WITH YOU?
LEAVE IT TO US
THREE TIMES?!
IF YOU CAN RESOLVE THAT MATTER FOR ME, I'LL PAY YOU THREE TIMES THE AMOUNT OF THE ADVANCE PAY-MENT
What do you say?
WE STILL HAVEN'T DETER-MINED WHETHER OR NOT SHE HAS THE POWER TO SUMMON SOME-THING,
AND WITHOUT KNOWING THAT, I CAN'T SELL HER.

AND SINCE WE PROMISED, WE SHOULD PROBABLY START THINKING OF A WAY TO LOOK INTO THAT...
?
THA-T'S ODD.
DID THE STONE ON YOUR FOREHEAD CHANGE COLOR...?
slither
slither
slither
slither
slither
UH... I THINK SOMETHING'S COMING
DON'T TELL ME...
THE THING THAT SHE CAN SUMMON IS.

...THIS COULD BE BAD.
TONIGHT IS...
THE FULL MOON...
THE UNDEAD?!

whoosh
hug
CRASH
slither
WHAM
WHAM
WHAM
GYAA AAH
AU-UUUU OH
QUIT DESTROY-ING THE HOUSE, STUPID ZOMBIES

DON'T BE SCARED
WE'LL PROTECT YOU.
HEY, IT'S ALL RIGHT
SFX: whirrr
SFX: fwsh

SWISH
crack
GLOW
SFX: kahk

THUMP
FSH
FSH
FSH
FSH
IT'S GONE
BOTH THE UNDEAD AND HER POWERS ARE GONE.

slide
haa
BUT SHE'S STILL ALIVE
LEON!!
SLU
MP
LEON?!

MY THROAT FEELS DRY...
WHEN THE FULL MOON INFLAMES THIS THIRST, THESE DEMON POWERS...
ONLY ONE PERSON CAN SUPPRESS THEM...
EVERY TIME I REACH OUT...
HE'S BEEN RIGHT AT MY SIDE.
...LEON?

NOAH?
SQUEEZE
OW OW OW OW OW!
My hand!
My hand!
WHY DO YOU ALWAYS TRY TO SUPPRESS EVERYTHING ON YOUR OWN?
WE GO THROUGH THIS EVERY SINGLE TIME
sigh
SQUEEZE
NOAH
MAD AT ME...?
Are you
OF COURSE I AM!
I'M SORRY, NOAH
THAT'S NOT TRUE
WHAT DO YOU THINK I'M MEANT FOR?
IF YOU HAVE NO USE FOR MY BLOOD,
THEN MY EXISTENCE AND MY POWERS MEAN NOTHING.

THAT'S NOT TRUE AT ALL
I'M SIMPLY A COWARD...
THE TASTE OF NOAH'S BLOOD IS BITTER AND SWEET.
SWEET BECAUSE IT GENTLY SILENCES MY RESTLESS BLOOD
BITTER BECAUSE IT'S A SHARP REMINDER OF EXACTLY HOW POWERLESS I AM... AGAINST THE DEMON INSIDE OF ME...
RUSTLE
AND I'M A LITTLE SCARED OF BOTH...

WHEN FACED WITH NOAH'S MATTER-OF-FACT ATTITUDE,
MY DEEP-SEATED WORRIES SUDDENLY SEEM SMALL AND INSIGNIFICANT.
...THE ROMANCE IS GONE ...
Sweatdrop
ALL RIGHT, GET ON WITH IT ALREADY!
BY THE WAY, HOW IS THE GIRL?
I ASKED RAN AND REN TO KEEP WATCH OVER HER.
PAMELA-SAN SAID SHE'D DROP BY, TOO
WHY NOT?
NO ONE ELSE CAN HAVE YOUR BLOOD.
...NO ONE BUT ME.
Sheesh
YOU'RE POSSESSIVE OVER THE STRANGEST THINGS.
YOU ALREADY KNOW I HAVE TO HAVE THINGS MY WAY.
YOU WANT TO SHARE POWER WITH HER?
YEAH, BUT IF YOU'RE STILL RECOVERING, I CAN—
ABSOLUTELY NOT.

haa
tilt
THANK YOU,
NOAH
pat
MUST HAVE...
SLIPPED MY MIND...

I'VE SHARED MY POWER WITH YOU,
SO YOU NO LONGER HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT SUMMONING THE UNDEAD WHEN YOU WAKE UP
YOU GET TO DECIDE WHAT YOU'D LIKE TO DO FROM HERE ON OUT
YOU CAN RETURN TO THE STORE WITH PAMELA-SAN,
OR YOU CAN STAY HERE...
AS ONE OF MY FAMILIARS

I WANT...
TO STAY HERE.
YOU'RE FREE TO CHOOSE.
IN THAT CASE,
HERE.

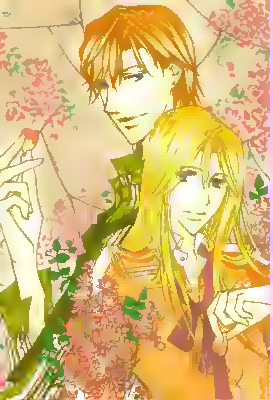
THERE, IT'S DONE.
SORRY IF I'M NOT DOING THIS RIGHT.
WELCOME TO THE FAMILY,
LINDSAY.
SMILE
YES, MASTER.

I MADE THE RIGHT CHOICE IN HIRING THE TWO OF YOU
I KNOW YOU BOTH.
WILL GUIDE YOUNG LINDSAY DOWN THE RIGHT PATHS IN LIFE
SEEING THE JOY ON HER FACE MAKES MY HEART GLAD
Friendly
MY, THIS IS QUITE THE DILEMMA, THOUGH
HUH?

ACQUIRING LINDSAY TOOK QUITE A CONSIDERABLE INVESTMENT ON MY PART
URK...
BUT I SUPPOSE THAT CAN'T BE HELPED
sigh
By the way,
MY DEAR GENTLEMEN,
Glance

ON THIS MATTER,
I SHALL ALLOW YOU TO HAVE LINDSAY
HOWEVER, I'M SURE I WILL CALL ON YOUR SERVICES AGAIN
WHEN THAT TIME COMES
I trust that I'll be able to count on you?
and pay me back
To pay me back!
and pay me back
INTIMIDATION
I—IT WOULD BE OUR PLEASURE
So basically, we owe her money
Scary!
Eek!

—.. SOMEHOW, I CAN'T HELP THINKING ..



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JOLT
?!
Pfft

IT WAS A PEACEFUL AFTERNOON AND THE BIRDS WERE SINGING
OUTSIDE OF THE WINDOW, THE SUN WAS SHINING
—AND THERE WAS A SORCERESS
HELLO,♡
MASTERS LEON, NOAH HOW DO YOU DO?

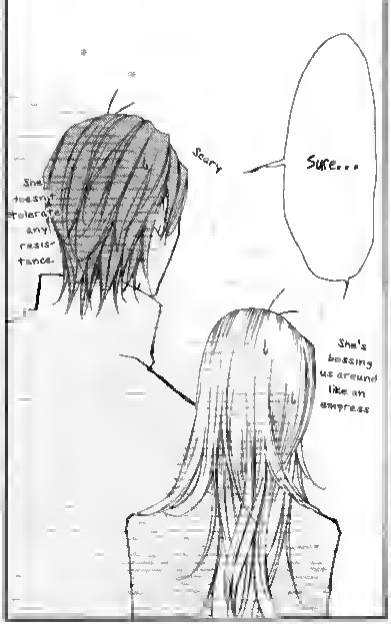
W... WHAT'S THE MATTER, PAMELA?
Sorry I came in through here!
You startled me.
EXCUSE ME FOR CALLING ON YOU WITHOUT NOTICE,
tap
BUT THERE IS A JOB I WANT YOU TWO TO DO TONIGHT...
NO MATTER WHAT!!
OH... UM.. WELL...
HMM?
What?
SMILING
WE CAN HARDLY REFUSE, I GUESS...
Given what happened last time...
Aha ha
What ha ha
OH MY... I'M SO GLAD ♡
THIS WILL SPEED UP THINGS IMMENSELY.

I WANT YOU TO ATTEND AN EVENING PARTY SPONSORED BY THE ART MUSEUM
SO, WHAT'S THIS JOB ABOUT?
I WANT YOU TWO TO PROTECT THE "SAPPHIRE DAGGER" THAT'S PRESENTLY BEING DISPLAYED THERE
YES IT'S A PARTY TO CELEBRATE THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS FOUNDING
A PARTY ...?
THE "SAPPHIRE DAGGER" IS THAT SACRED SWORD WITH MAGICAL POWERS, RIGHT?

THAT'S CORRECT IT'S AN ITEM I RECENTLY OBTAINED... AT THE REQUEST OF THE ART MUSEUM.
IT'S AN OBJECT WITH GREAT POWERS, SO BOTH GOOD AND EVIL ARE AFTER IT.
IT DOESN'T HAVE ANY EFFECT ON HUMAN ABILITIES,
BUT IT ALSO SEEMS THAT HUNTERS HAVE CHOSEN THIS MOMENT TO ENTER THE COUNTRY.
THERE WERE A FEW OF THEM HERE LONG AGO AS WELL, BUT IT SEEMS THEY'VE APPEARED AGAIN.
THE "PEOPLE THAT HUNT DEMONS"...
HUNTERS...

WITH ALL THE PEOPLE ATTENDING THE PARTY TONIGHT, CHANCES ARE HIGH THAT THERE WILL BE ONE OF THEM AMONG THEM
IN THAT CASE, RELYING ON HUMAN SECURITY MAKES ME UNEASY
EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE HUMANS, THEY'VE ACQUIRED POWERS WHICH ENABLE THEM TO FIGHT DEMONS
SO THE POWER OF THE DAGGER WOULD CERTAINLY BE OF INTEREST TO THEM, WOULDN'T IT?
OH DEAR!
IT'S ALREADY SO LATE!!
Oh no!
WELL, GETTING DRESSED FOR IT WILL REQUIRE SOME TIME,
SO WE'D BETTER GET STARTED IMMEDIATELY.
HUH...? GETTING DRESSED...?
?

CLOTHING ...?
raise
IT'S AN EVENING PARTY, SO YOU NEED ADEQUATE CLOTHING, DON'T YOU?
SNAP
WE HAVE IT HERE.
YES, EVERYTHING IS READY.
ARE THE THINGS I ASKED FOR READY?
Her familiars ...?
They popped up.


She's teasing. I tolerate any resistance.
Scary
Sure...
She's bossing us around like an empress

My familiars are so cute ♡
OH. THAT'S WONDERFUL♡

Me too
I'll help you.
WELL THEN, MASTERS LEON, NOAH,
PLEASE GET DRESSED

OH, REALLY?
DID EVERYTHING FIT WELL?

POP
MS PAMELA,
MR. LEON IS DRESSED.

tap
DON'T WORRY,
EVERY-THING FITS LIKE A GLOVE
OH MY!
HOW WONDER-FUL!!
IT TRULY SUITS YOU WELL!!
IF I HADN'T ENGAGED YOU AS A GUARD,
I'D WANT YOU TO ATTEND AS A MAIN GUEST.
THANK YOU
HUH?
ISN'T NOAH READY YET?

He'll be ready any minute.
Tehee
What's with the giggle?
?
EXCUSE ME..
DO I REALLY HAVE TO GO TO THE PARTY...
DRESSED LIKE THIS...?
WHOA...!

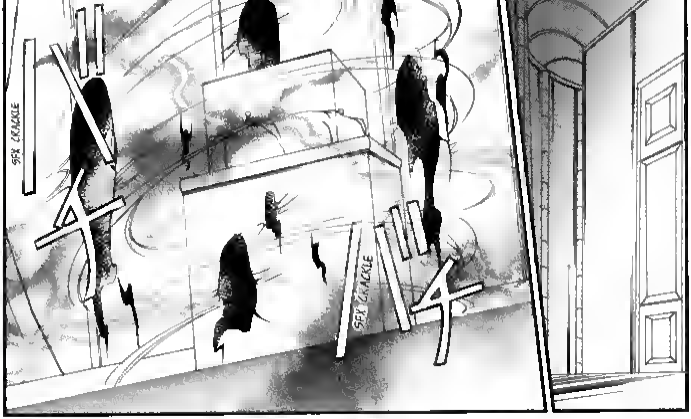
YOU MAKE A STUNNING WOMAN!!
Hah...
Stunning ? I feel sick
MS PAMELA,
GOOD JOB!!
BLUSH
YOU FLATTER ME
Oh I have to wear a dress...?
YES, YOU DO THE PARTY TONIGHT IS A PARTY FOR SPOUSES AND COUPLES, SO IT'S NECESSARY
IF YOU WANT TO DECEIVE YOUR ENEMY, YOU HAVE TO DECEIVE YOUR FRIENDS FIRST, HAVEN'T YOU?
I'm going with the director
VERY WELL,
WE'RE READY
SO, SHALL WE GO
TO THE PARTY?

ANY SUSPECTS HERE YET, ARE THERE?
THERE AREN'T —
NO.
BUZZ
BUZZ
WHERE IS PAMELA?
SHE'S OVER THERE WITH THE DIRECTOR
IT SEEMS SHE'S BUSY GREETING THE GUESTS.
THE "SAPPHIRE DAGGER" IS IN THE EXHIBITION ROOM OPPOSITE THIS HALL.
IT'D BE EASY TO SNEAK OUT AND STEAL IT, I GUESS.
SECURITY IS THE SAME AS THEIR USUAL EXHIBITS, RIGHT?

Aha
AH, NO, SORRY. I WAS JUST RIVETED BY YOUR ENCHANTING FIGURE
SAY, LEON, ARE YOU LISTENING?
IT SEEMS LIKE IT'D BE EASY FOR WEAK DEMONS TO APPROACH TODAY, SO THEY MIGHT COME IN DROVES
Stare
Hey!
.....
THAT DOESN'T REALLY MAKE ME HAPPY..?
I want to go home quickly
Sigh
HUH?
Slide

It's a good thing that I let it grow long
UM...
HM?
THAT'D BE A PITY, AFTER THEY'VE DRESSED YOU UP LIKE THIS
IN A SITUATION LIKE THIS, THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO
Murmur
WE'RE BEING STARED AT... By both man and woman
~Murmur
This is embarrassing
OH MY
Smile
Fake Smile
what
what

—AH!
SEEMS LIKE SOMETHING GOT CAUGHT.
WHERE?
IN THE TRAP I'D SET IN ADVANCE WHEN THEY'D SHOWED US THE "SAPPHIRE DAGGER"...
BEFORE THE PARTY STARTED.
One for demons
OH, I SEE.
LET'S GO.
SLIP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SSST
IT'S A PRETTY GOOD CATCH
WHAM
WHOOSH

THERE S STILL SOME- THING HERE
THUD

Whoosh
SFX WHAM
I'LL GO AFTER IT
YOU STAY HERE
OKAY
Rustle
SFX BAM
DASH
Sniff

RAN, REN, GO WITH NOAH.
YES, MASTER.
DASH
RUSTLE
TAP

NOAH, WE'LL CHASE AFTER IT FROM ABOVE
ALL RIGHT.
DASH
Creak
Hide
Creak

YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE A DEMON
hap
ARE YOU...
A HUNTER?
A DEMON?!

Slide
SFX: TOSS
THANK YOU LINDSAY.
MY PLEASURE.

CRAP.
SSSSSS
LEON ...?
I SENSE LINDSAY'S PRESENCE
huff
RAN, LEN, LET'S GO BACK!

LEON?!
SFX: BAM
GRAB
!!
flip
Raise
YOUR ALLY?!

I WOULDN'T TOUCH THAT.
drink
YOU DON'T WANT TO BE DRAINED OF ALL YOUR BLOOD, NOW DO YOU?
HE'S A VAMPIRE!!
LET...
ME GO!!
fwsss

LEON!
ARE YOU HURT?
DON'T WORRY.
ONLY MY CLOTHES GOT CUT.
hff
Ripped
HEH, HOLY WATER ...?
Clug
BECAUSE MOST DEMONS ARE SENSITIVE TO IT, I GUESS.
CLACK

GULP
UWAH?!
He drank the holy water?!
Huh?
Huh?
Hmmm
Plop
LEON!! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
...THIS IS BAD, NOAH
THIS WATER...
TASTES AWFUL!!!
Ugh!
ARE YOU CRAZY?!
...UH!!
Bleh
Bleh bleh
Gag
ging

THAT'S RIDICULOUS...!
THE HOLY WATER DOESN'T WORK ON YOU?!
BUT YOU'RE A DEMON ...!!
SORRY,
BUT SOMETHING LIKE THIS CAN'T KILL ME
THEN WHY ARE YOU HERE?
IF YOU'RE SO STRONG EVEN WITHOUT THE DAGGER,
THEN YOU DON'T NEED IT, DO YOU?!

WE'RE NOT AFTER THAT
WE WERE ONLY ENTRUSTED WITH PROTECTING IT.
I DON'T NEED STRONGER POWERS
I'M CONTENT WITH ALL I HAVE NOW
I'D JEOPARDIZE THE RELATIONSHIPS I'VE FORMED...
JUST FOR MY OWN POWER
AND EVEN IF I HAD MORE, I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO USE THEM, ANYWAY.
WITH TOO MUCH POWER, I'D ONLY DESTROY MYSELF
THERE'S NO WAY...

YOU'RE NEW TO THE HUNTERS, RIGHT?
YOU SHOULD GIVE UP ON GETTING THAT POWER NOW.
EVEN IF YOU COULD GET HOLD OF IT,
ITS POWERS WOULD POSSESS YOU...
AND STEAL YOUR SOUL
...UH...
DING
DONG
DING
DONG

CLACK
BUZZ
BUZZ
I GUESS THE PARTY'S OVER.
SO OUR JOB IS DONE TOO
Thank God
IT'D BE BAD IF SOMEONE SAW US HERE. LET'S GO.
WAIT!
WHO ON EARTH ARE YOU GUYS?!
IF YOU'RE VAMPIRES, THEN WHY AREN'T YOU ATTACKING HUMANS?
I'M YOUR ENEMY TOO, AREN'T I?!

IT'S BECAUSE I HAVE A COUNTER-PART...
WHO BEARS A MATCHING SEAL.
lift
COUNTER-PART...?
NO WAY.
Why?

HE'S A "PURE BLOOD"?!
THAT'S HOW IT IS.
YOU SHOULD GET OUT OF HERE QUICKLY, TOO.
THAT DAGGER IS CONNECTED TO A SORCERESS
SHE'S SCARY IF YOU MAKE HER MAD.

IF YOU MESS WITH HER CARELESSLY,
THE HUNTER WILL BECOME THE HUNTED.
tap

GOOD-BYE.
A "PURE BLOOD"...
UHH...
They really exist Pure bloods
...He's more than a match for me...
Are you kidding me?
.....

I'LL GO HOME
Sigh
AH!
FINALLY IT'S OVER
I'M DEAD TIRED.
LEON, WAS IT OKAY...
TO LEAVE THAT GUY LIKE THAT?
Well,
I GUESS HE'S ALL RIGHT.
HE DIDN'T LOOK LIKE SOMEONE WHO'S RECKLESS, EITHER.

...SAY, NOAH,
DO WE HAVE NEEDLES AND THREAD AT HOME?
HUH? Why?
...I SEE.
For this
Even the jacket's ripped!?
...UH !!!
WHAT DO WE DO NOW?!
SHE'LL FIND OUT EVEN IF WE SEW IT!!
SO, WE REALLY ARE SCREWED?

AND HERE I THOUGHT WE FINISHED PERFECTLY THIS TIME!
IF WE RUN AWAY LIKE THIS...
SHE MIGHT ACTUALLY KILL US...
Could she be that cruel?
Oh Leon?
Noah?
Where are you?
Hush. Hopeless demons.
We really should make a run for it.
GAH!
Did she find us?!!
Hush Our masters are no good
LIVING IN THE HUMAN WORLD IS DIFFICULT—
BUT WITH THE FIVE OF THEM TOGETHER— THEY SHOULD SOMEHOW BE ABLE TO LIVE HAPPILY—

◆PURE BLOOD①／END◆

PURE BLOOD

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❀ PURE BLOOD（ピュア ブラッド）

この題名を和訳するとそのまんま"純血"というレオンが吸血鬼の「純血種」という設定に合ったセンスで"すが、ネーミングセンス ゼロの私としてはこれでも脳ミソこねくり回して考えたんですよ……。

しかし まぁ ひねりの無い題……。

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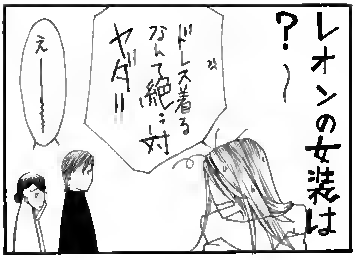

＊毎回この横構図で描いていたが、ふと思って自分用の作業テキをひっぱり出して確認して描いてます。
けっこうたくさん描いてるのに不安い。

◆おまけ4コマ。／おわり◆

＊ここまでお付き合いありがとう
ございました。
しょぶりアのお話また機会に
恵まれる事がありましたらその
時はまたよろしくしてやって
下さいませ。　それでは！

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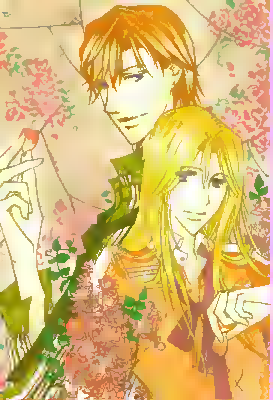

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